

Purpose Describe the method used to register voters who apply for/or are clients in the WIC program.

Voter Registration Requirements The National Voter Registration Act requires that individuals be given the opportunity to register to vote (or to change their voter registration address) in elections for federal office when applying for (or receiving) WIC services.

Where Found The WIC Certification Signature Form contains the voter registration declination for the Nebraska WIC Program.

When to Complete This area should be completed by the applicant/client at the time of application for program benefits, at each additional certification visit, and each time the client reports a change of address.

Completion of Declination Box

VOTER REGISTRATION		
If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here today? If you are already registered to vote at your current address check "NO".		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO DATE: 3/9/09	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO DATE:
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Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be provided by WIC.		
If you believe that someone has interfered with your right to register, or to decline to register to vote, you may file a complaint with the Nebraska Secretary of State, State Capital Building, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68509, (402) 471-2554.		

Clients who mark the "YES" box indicating they wish to register to vote should be given a Nebraska Voter Registration Form to complete.

Clients who mark the "NO" box or leave the box blank are considered to not wish to vote.

The Voter Registration declination area on the Signature Form must be completed by the client or responsible party as shown in the example above.

Clients Who Need Assistance Completing Form

WIC Staff must offer the same amount of assistance, including bilingual assistance when necessary, to individuals in completing a voter registration form as they offer to individuals in completing WIC forms, unless the individual refuses that assistance.

WIC staff who help individuals complete voter registration forms are prohibited from:

1. seeking to influence an applicant's party preference or party registration,
 2. displaying any such political preference or party allegiance,
 3. making any statement or taking any action whose purpose or effect is to discourage the applicant from registering to vote, or,
 4. making any statement or taking any action whose purpose or effect is to lead the applicant to believe that a decision whether or not to register has any bearing on the availability of services or benefits.
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Processing Completed Forms

Upon completion of the voter registration form the WIC applicant/client may,

1. Return it to WIC Staff, or
2. Mail it to the election office, or
3. Deliver in person to the election office.

Voter Registration Forms which have been completed and returned to WIC staff are to be processed according to instructions from the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office. These instructions are part of the Voter Registration training packet and video.

Ordering Forms

Voter Registration Forms must be ordered using the WIC materials order form available from the State WIC Office.

Training

Voter registration training is provided to all staff as part of the WIC Training Clinic. All new staff must view the Voter Registration Training Video at the local agency before attending the training clinic.
